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# The Semi-Weekly News

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at Chester, S. C.

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STEWART L. CASSELS

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FRIDAY, APRIL 13.

The News has made arrangements for a semi-weekly press service which gives to our readers on Tuesday and Friday afternoon's the latest national and international news.

Since the entrance of the United States into the European war every one is anxious to learn what is going on at the earliest possible moment and in order to satisfy this desire in Chester we have made the move mentioned above.

We trust that we will be able to continue this much needed and important service but in order to do so we must have the support of the business houses of Chester in the way of advertising. As a whole Chester's business houses are very poor advertisers. A number of our business houses have long since realized that proper advertising is a paying investment while others do not seem to think so, notwithstanding the fact that "it pays to advertise" is demonstrated to them 365 times each year.

We do not belong to the "Solomon class" but we have long since realized that it is fully for a newspaper to try to outgrow the town in which it is located. This has been tried thousands of times and has always proven a failure, for the newspaper.

The outside world judges a town more or less by its newspapers and it is in our desire that Chester be thought of as a progressive town but it is the poor business policy for us to set our "pegs" ten years ahead of the town.

Warfare has certainly changed. On last Saturday when the Springfield offensive started on the Arras-Lens front the first thing to be done was the sending of machines up in the air to photograph the rear of the German lines.

In order to accomplish this purpose Field Marshall Haig knew that he had to combat the German air machines and that nothing less than superior forces could repel them. When the British machines came back to their lines they had 1,700 photographs of the German lines. Immediately upon the collation of this information the British opened fire and within a few hours the whole army moved forward on a ten-mile front.

Some one has said that this war will be won in the air and the battle of Saturday begins to look like it.

## FARMERS TO MEET APRIL 14TH.

The committee appointed by the mass meeting last Saturday met today to consider means by which the growing of foodstuffs in Chester County could be promoted. The committee met and elected Mr. J. S. McKewen, Chairman and Mr. J. A. Riley as Secretary. The committee then went into business.

On motion of Mr. Henry it was decided by the committee that the farmers of each township in Chester County meet at each township on Saturday morning April 14th for the purpose of discussing their needs as to seed for producing foodstuffs and also for the electing of delegates to attend a meeting to be held at the Court House on Tuesday April 17th at 11 o'clock.

A committee was then appointed to get in touch with the merchants of Chester and get them to handle seeds and supplies for farming at cost.

Mr. J. H. Glenn was requested by the committee to see Mr. Stokes and Mr. Ligon to be prepared for carrying for the public.

On motion Mr. C. C. McIlroy was appointed to confer with the Chester Chamber of Commerce and that they be requested to give active assistance in the effort of getting prepared for raising foodstuffs to meet the approaching conditions.

Mr. B. M. Spratt was appointed on a committee to secure the co-operation of the Civic Association in getting all vacant lots planted to food crops and that they assist in getting the cooperation of all school children.

The committee recommended as follows: Whereas an effort is being made to have in the world other unpreserved places as well as gardens planted in vegetables and other food crops, we earnestly recommend that the police be instructed to rigidly enforce the chicken ordinance.

The following resolution, was adopted: That Miss Jo. Yarbrough be requested to advise the fact that her Canning Club girls will be available during the year for canning surplus vegetables and fruit, furnishing the outfit and supplies at reasonable prices per day.

# ANNUAL REPORT CHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(Continued from front page)

transfer made.

Assistance to Tourists.

Following the July storms of last year the assistance of this organization was requested by Commissioner E. J. Watson in detouring the storm Dray, County Fair and North and South bound, and as a result, information and directions were given hundreds of tourists at our office. Following this storm the National Highway was diverted thru this city and hundreds of additional tourists have passed thru Chester since that time.

Office Work.

The preparatory work bureau and committee organization, following up aid investigating industrial prospects; the preparation of publicity matter; gathering of statistics for the files of the office, for industrial bureaus, commercial papers, bonding houses etc., as well as the data for the County Road Bond Election; the preparation of mailing lists for different branches of the Chamber's work, county mailing lists for the use of the business office and the members of the chamber; the time that must be devoted to visitors to the city; the extra detail work and circulating for the Good Roads Day, County Fair and County Road Election, and like matters has made the work of the office somewhat heavy during most of the year.

Numerous letters of inquiry ask for special information and others necessitate special attention, and while considerable correspondence must be held to ascertain just what each individual proposition merits, all must be given the most careful attention and scrutiny. In many cases we find that locations have already been secured or that change in location or the placing of a branch plant is being merely held under consideration while in other cases financial aid is requested as well as other inducements.

The following list will give some idea of the amount of time necessary to the detail office work during the first fiscal year:

Letters received 3103; outgoing letters, regular, 4257, fair letters 2627, Bond Election letters 7863, special industrial survey letter 947, special county bulletins, etc. 947, special outside farmers letters (Northern States) 267; other circular letters 424.

Meetings.

The following meetings have been held: Board of Directors 17; Bureau of Civic Affairs 1; Bureau of Mercantile Affairs 4; Bureau of Transportation 1; Bureau of Real Estate, Banking and Insurance 1; Bureau of Industries 1; Bureau of Agriculture 1; City Street Improvement Committee (Special) 1; County Road Improvement Committee (Special) 8; Advertising campaign committee 6. The rooms of the chamber have also been used for meetings of the Civic League and other local organizations.

Membership.

July 1, 1916 381; memberships were enrolled. Now 419. Members have been added since that time and six lost by removal from the city and four by resignation, making the membership at the end of the first fiscal year 380 on a net loss of one membership.

Miscellaneous Matter.

Among the other matters and in addition to those mentioned in the reports of the bureau in which the chamber extended co-operation was that of securing relief from the U. S. Government for this county following the July storm, the committee of citizens which was given the assistance of the chamber, distributed over \$4600.00 for road work.

Assistance was given the committee of eight, representing the townships which prepared the plans for the road improvement and requested the bond issue of \$450,000.00.

Assistance was also given the local Legislative Delegation in preparing a State Highway Commission bill and auto license bill, both of which were introduced by the delegation in the last General Assembly. For this work reports of 9 different states were secured.

During the year your secretary traveled over 1463 miles throughout the county: visited 9 different sections of the county at the request of the people of those sections and attended six farmers' meetings. Seventeen other farmers' meetings have been visited by representatives of the Bureau of Agriculture Affairs.

Assistance was also given the local Post Office Officials in securing an additional carrier for the city by furnishing data relative to the city's growth since 1910.

The question of a flour mill has also given serious consideration and investigation, and machinery salesmen have visited the city to give us data relative to the cost, operating expenses, production.

Summary.

The administration of the affairs of the chamber have been along the strictest lines of economy and with the idea of doing everything possible that could be done and still remain within the provided revenue for the year. Of course a large amount of money was expended for fixtures, supplies, etc., that will not be expended in the future.

While the foregoing report and those of the Bureau cover practically every avenue of effort, the question of whether or not the expected returns have been secured cannot be so correctly ascertained from a perusal of the reports of the work of the different diversified undertakings as could be learned by a close and intimate observation of the daily proceedings.

The utmost harmony has prevailed between the officers and discord or dissension has been unknown. The most hearty co-operation has been extended by the officials of the city and of the county, the requests, of which there have been quite a few, being granted and assistance rendered whenever requested.

Your attention is called to the following statement of the condition of the chamber at the close of the fiscal year:

| Financial Statement.        |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Chester Chamber of Commerce |           |
| March 31, 1917.             |           |
| Working Capital             | \$1361.78 |
| Fixtures                    | \$728.89  |
| Supplies                    | 62.55     |
| Organization Exp.           | 19.50     |
| Outstanding dues            | 365.66    |
| Cash on hand                | 99.23     |
| Accounts Receivable         | 117.04    |
| Bills payable               | 23.24     |
| Total                       | \$1385.02 |
| General Account             | \$1385.02 |
| Receipts:                   |           |
| Dues                        | \$4057.17 |
| Disbursements:              |           |
| New County                  | \$34.50   |
| Express                     | 2.97      |
| Advertising                 | 4.87      |
| Office Expense              | 35.52     |
| Postage                     | 161.72    |
| Salaries                    | 1832.44   |
| Supplies                    | 138.16    |
| Telephone & Tel.            | 68.08     |
| Fixtures                    | 728.89    |
| Bond of Treas.              | 2.50      |
| Rent                        | 105.00    |
| Light & Fuel                | 47.39     |
| Good Roads                  | 61.50     |
| Transportation              | 125.50    |
| Co. Bond Election           | 210.35    |
| Organization Exp.           | 19.50     |
| Total General Acct.         | \$3229.41 |
| Paid Acc.                   |           |
| Expenditures                | \$2064.32 |
| Receipts                    | \$1725.79 |
| Deficit                     | \$337.53  |
| Total Disbursements         | \$3066.54 |
| Cash on Hand Mar. 31, 1917  | \$90.23   |

## Tremendous Sales—The Public's Answer

"Is my product right?" asks the manufacturer;  
—"the most efficient, enduring construction?"  
—"made of the best materials?"  
—"by the most skillful workmen?"

And the public gives the answer—through sales.

The motoring public has given the answer to United States Tires—through sales  
—sales increases—which are big—continuously big—and growing bigger;  
—so big, in fact, that they are growing even faster than the amazing growth of the automobile industry.  
That's the motoring public's answer  
—that United States Tires—all five types—give supreme service.

## United States Tires Are Good Tires

*A Tire for Every Kind of Price and Use—'Nobby', 'Chain', 'Royal Cord', 'Ure', 'Pique'*

United States Tires and Tire Accessories Have All the Strength, Work and Wear that Make United States Tires Supreme.

United States Tires are carried by the following Sales and Service Depots—who can tell you which of the five types of United States Tires exactly suits your needs: FENNEL-YOUNG MOTOR COMPANY.

# WE HAVE IT NOW

We have installed the latest and most up-to-date KOKEN Fixtures in the State. Absolutely sanitary in every particular. Each barber has everything in arm's reach, enabling him to give prompt and efficient service to every patron.

Our place has been remodelled throughout and we invite you to call and inspect CHESTER'S SANITARY BARBER SHOP.

## AND DON'T YOU FORGET

That our Clothes Pressing and Dry Cleaning Department is in position to give the promptest attention possible. Join our Pressing Club and look "Nifty" all the time.

# T. D. Atkinson's Tonsorial Parlors

"On The Hill" "See The Big Sign"

## Lots Of Sickness

Can be avoided by properly screening your homes. We are prepared to furnish you screens in all sizes.

Bring or send us your measurements and we will furnish the desired screens at a very moderate cost.

## FLY TRAPS FREE

Beginning Monday, April 16th, and until the supply is exhausted, we will give to each customer one fly trap absolutely free. Only one to a customer.

CHESTER  
HARDWARE CO.

"Quality First"



# The S. M. Jones Company

The Children's Chapter of U. D. C. met with Mrs. Carson Friday aft.

# The S. M. Jones Company

J. Y. Murphy, Secty.  
Chester, S. C., Apr. 12, 1917.

## The Rodman-Brown Co.



# Kluttz Department Store

## "ON THE HILL"

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## SCHLOSBURG'S—In The Valley



## ARMENIA NEWS

Armenia, April 10.—On account of the constant rains the farmers have been considerably delayed in their planting. However, we can see quite a good deal of corn, up-land some nice spring gardens growing right along. We hope soon to see the cotton peeping above the ground. The farmers of Armenia have grasped the idea of the government to plant something to eat and cat-tens are great interest at present as well as the corn fields.

For the past few days Armenia has been quite lively with the Boston "teaching school" meeting here, on Friday for field day, and with Thursday and Friday nights giving interesting programs for commencing exercises.

On Thursday the play "Topsy Turvy" was given by the high school department, while on Friday night, the Primary and Intermediate departments gave interesting numbers and the diplomas were delivered to Misses Annie Grant, Lee Lee, Willie Hudson and Mary Boyd Harlan.

Friday morning found a large crowd gathered ready for field day contests. The program of the day was opened by Rev. Wadley T. Duncan, with prayer. Then the address of welcome by Mr. Walter Simpson. Then followed a response by professor Sam Hay of Lowville school and an interesting talk by Supt. W. D. Kahn.

The song "Columbia The Gem of the Ocean" was sung by the Armenia school after which was the Educational parade which was made up of ten schools. The declamation contests showed great improvement, in general over last years. A number of intensely interesting recitations were given by the representatives.

After dinner the literary and athletic contests were held. The day passed pleasantly and successfully and we hope that each year, our field day will be a greater and greater success.

Mr. Jim Reed of the Pleasant Grove community last week.

Mr. Roy W. Wilkes, since school is out, is spending a few days in the community with friends.

Misses Carrie and Lily Brown of Union who have been spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Brown returned to Union Monday.

Little Mr. Frazier Stephenson of Chester spent the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. W. H. Stephenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bailey of Chester spent Sunday in the community with friends and relatives.

Mr. Obe Roberts who has been quite sick for the past few days, is improving. We hope soon to see Mrs. Roberts out again.

Mrs. H. C. Bailey spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Lee.

Miss Helen Lou Wilkes who has been teaching at Armenia for the past year returned to her home, in Chester Saturday.

Mrs. J. Webster Darby and little son, of Orr's Station spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gregory.

Misses Beale and Ruth Atkinson who have been away this winter teaching have returned home for vacation.

Miss Iva Simpson of Chicago College, who has been spending Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simpson, returned to Columbia Tuesday.

Miss Edith L. Parrott spent Tuesday night at the home of Rev. J. H. Warborough.

Mr. Walter Simpson is the owner of a handsome new Ford touring car. Miss Iva Hudson who is working in Rock Hill, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Hudson.

Miss Iva Bradford, who are sorry to learn, is indisposed with measles.

Misses Edna and Virginia Grant entertained a few of their friends, on Monday evening at a little party.

Mr. B. H. Gregory who has been working in Florida for the past year has returned home.

Master Harold Walsh of Chester spent a few days last week with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ainsley Grant.

Mr. Gill Gregory has accepted a position at Great Falls.

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CHANDLER SIX  
\$1395

# Facts Count

WE know they count, for this Spring we have been telling the public just fundamental facts about the Chandler and how it checks with high-priced cars in so many essential features of design and construction. And these facts made the Chandler March business the biggest in the whole history of this big business.

Do you know how great this demand for Chandlers is? So great that in four years the Chandler has attained a position never even approached by any other medium priced car in such a period! So great that this year it seems certain that more people will purchase Chandler cars than will purchase any other Six selling for more than twelve hundred dollars.

## Don't be Blinded by Noisy Claims

Chandler facts prove Chandler superiority, and the service of Chandler cars in the hands of thousands of owners is added proof. The Chandler offers you

The exclusive Chandler motor—powerful and flexible—developed and refined to a point approximating perfection through four years of conscientious manufacturing effort.

Solid cast aluminum crank case extending from frame to frame. Bosch high tension magneto ignition.

Silent chain drive for motor shafts.

Durable, light-running annular ball bearings in transmission, differential and rear wheels.

Silent spiral-bevel gear, full floating rear axle.

And scores of other distinctly high grade features of design, construction and equipment.

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Seven-Passenger Touring Car, \$1395

Four-Passenger Roadster, \$1395 Seven-Passenger Convertible Sedan, \$2095

Four-Passenger Convertible Coupe, \$1995 Luxurious Limousine, \$2695

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**CARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

Has Helped Thousands.

## NOTICE

Our Mill will run on  
Tuesday's and Friday's.

**PRYOR'S MILL**  
Old Shannon Stand

### HOW ENGLAND FIGHTS

#### THE POTATO FAMINE

London, April 6.—"What," asks the English hostess, "will you have for desert?"

"I'll have a potato," responds the guest.

"That is not supposed to be a joke. The food shortage in England has got beyond the jesting stage. It is a stern, serious business—the business of war."

From statistics compiled by E. L. Vinden, a London merchant with government connections, the supply of potatoes on hand now is just sufficient to furnish each person, with half a pound per week for the next dozen weeks.

John W. Dennis, who was recently appointed potato controller by Lord Devonport, the food controller, has been busy engaged for the past few weeks investigating the potato situation. He found that in March there were 620,000 tons of potatoes on hand, 55 per cent of which were seed potatoes. From 24 to 25 per cent of these potatoes were available for civilian consumption, the rest being set aside for the army.

"Potatoes were excluded in these figures, but the potato situation in Ireland is even worse than it is in England."

"Potatoes have more than doubled in price the past year. In the coal-mining regions of Wales potatoes

have sold at as high as \$85 per ton, but steps were taken by the government to curb vegetable dealers in that district and prevent their multiplying the people."

Recently there have been lively scenes in cities of the British Isles. In Glasgow 2,000 women, aroused by speeches of Socialists, marched through the streets carrying banners bearing such inscriptions as:

"No Potatoes! No Sugar! What next?"

The people are becoming aroused to the menace of the potato famine and steps are being taken to cultivate every foot of vacant ground. Vacant lots, parks, golf links, tennis courts, race tracks, unused fields and waste tracts will be put under cultivation.

The plan and the hope have been raised to the dignity of emblem, to which national homage is paid.

It is estimated by Prof. Keeble of the Royal Horticultural society that about 1,000,000 tons of potatoes will be raised this year by small cultivators. As the recorded total of the potato crop of the whole country is only a little above 2,000,000 tons, it will be realized that the house and allotment gardens are an important asset in addition to the food supplies which are so urgently needed.

The German submarine war has cut down the British food supply, but it has not been responsible for the potato dearth in the United King-

dom. Bad weather, the failure of the crop, insufficient cultivation and lack of foresight were the contributing causes to the potato shortage.

The government, under the leadership of Premier Lloyd-George, is giving the farmers all the help possible. In spite of the constant demand for food, the government has decided to lend men from the munition factories for work in the fields. When the planting season is over these men will return to the factories.

Women are being encouraged to enter agricultural work. The government is keeping up wages and steps are being taken to insure the women healthful and comfortable living conditions.

All over the country in clubs and schools "potatoless days" are being established. In some places there are more "potatoless days" than there are "meatless days."

### SEVERAL NOTABLE FEATURES

Princess Walsingham and Franklin Marie Mayer on Programme.

The announcement of the big Redpath programme for our city has created much interest in local circles.

W. S. Wright, first advance man of the Redpath Chautauques, arrived in our city last night delivered the ticket, and started the advertising campaign of the Great Creators and

Our Special Sale on Refrigerators and Ice Boxes  
Saturday April 14th. Call in and see the Refrigerators and be convinced that our prices are right and that they are of the best make and quality.

Lowrance Bros.

153 Gadsden Street.

Phones Store 292 Residence 136 and 356

Undertakers and Licensed Embalmers.

his band; the Mikado Light Opera Company of thirty people with special scenic effects and the Oratorio Artists, with Red Miller, and the other features of the programme, all point to an even higher standard of excellence than the high caliber of attractions presented in former years on this Redpath de luxe circuit.

Two numbers on the programme that deserve special mention for their merit are Princess Walsingham and Franklin Marie Mayer. The one tells of the sea, the woods, and peaceful winding streams. She tells of the music and the campfire around which were related the beautiful weird

tales that for a hunting charm give the Indian legends a place occupied by no other literature. The other tells of snow-capped Alps, mad rushing torrents and shadowy valleys. She describes the quaint little village, where in solitude and quiet the citizens have learned to know God even as the red man knew his Great Spirit—each worshipping in his own way—"each in his own tongue."

Wanted—A few girls in apron sewing rooms to make Overalls. Good pay for good workers. Come in and see us if you want good steady work. Southern Mens. Co. Chester, S. C.